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Chair Kay Granger
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
US House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$213,604 to the Marion County Prosecutor's Office Body Worn Camera Unit program for fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, located at 251 E. Ohio St., Ste. 160 Indianapolis, IN 46204.

The funding would be used by Marion County Prosecutor's Office Body Worn Camera Unit (BCRU) to purchase and install state of the art redaction software to efficiently review sensitive information and data, and to increase staff capacity, by adding an additional paralegal to review body worn camera data. This software, Veritone Redact and Veritone Illuminate, are state of the art body worn camera software and transcription service. The software and staffing upgrades for the Body Worn Camera Unit will improve the quality of prosecutorial actions by strengthening and expediting charging decisions, resulting in better outcomes that ultimately improve community safety.

The use of body worn cameras benefit the community and law enforcement alike, by increasing transparency and trust in our community. The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department began the body worn camera program in 2020, giving 1,100 cameras to officers. Body worn cameras are activated in most situations, including investigations and questioning of victims, suspects or witnesses. This body worn camera program has created 224,655 unique recordings and over 51 terabytes of data. Given this volume, Marion County Prosecutors office is currently working with strained resources and needs additional software and staff to review data as expeditiously and reliably as possible.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will give prosecutors a formidable tool to determine charges and pursue cases in a timely manner. This will ultimately increase successful disposition of serious criminal cases and improve public safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress